MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know the quantity of manure sold by each Municipality to the customers?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I have got the figures. The total quantity is roughly 4,000 tons up to the end of 30th April 1945.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government have any information as to the fact whether when a Municipality sells it at high rates, there are any purchasers for it?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: If there are no purchasers, the Municipality will not sell it at that rate.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether compost manure can be easily manufactured in reserve forests?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir. Compost manure is manufactured out of human waste and also city waste.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the total quantity of manure manufactured till the date referred to in the previous answer?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Up to 30-4-1945, the Municipalities are reported to have manufactured about 12,000 tons.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Director be pleased to state whether Thiruvalla Municipality is included in the list?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

Annual production of rice in the State.

119. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state what is the increase in the annual production of rice in the State in 1119 as the result of intensive cultivation resorted to by the Government?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: About 25,000 tons.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: ഇൻടെൻസിവ് കൾട്ടിവേഷൻ കൊണ്ട് വിള വു മുണ്ടായിരുന്നതിൽ കൂടുതലാണോ, അതോ കുറവാണോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: വിളവെല്ലാം അതാതു കാലാവസ്ഥ അനുസരിച്ചായിരിക്കും കൂടുന്നതും കുറയുന്നതും.

MR. N. D. PARAMESVARAN NAMBOODIRI (*Travancore Jennies, North*): May I know whether any additional steps were taken this year to encourage intensive cultivation?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: As a result of bringing into cultivation some of the lands which hitherto used to lie fallow and by bringing single crop lands under double crops under the lift irrigation scheme and also through the cultivation of lands in the reserve forests, about 25,000 tons of rice were additionally produced last year.

MR. N. D. PARAMESVARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether any further increase is expected this year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is for early to say now.

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: In addition to the lift irrigation scheme, may I know whether any suggestion was made by the honourable member to the Government for the increase of agricultural facilities in other ways also?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is a comprehensive problem and the entire scheme in regard to future agricultural policy will be taken into consideration as a part of the Post-War reconstruction scheme.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Is the honourable member aware that intensive production must be continued at least as long as the war continues?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, not only during the period of war but during the post-war period also.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I want to know whether increased irrigational facilities would increase production and whether the Government are doing that?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Have the Government acted on it?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member will enlighten me on the subject of additional facilities that the Government have given to the ryots in the matter of irrigation?

PRESIDENT: How does it arise out of the annual production of rice?

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: The honourable member was saying that the irrigation scheme was included in the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme. I would suggest that it may be done while the war conditions exist. I was asking whether he has recommended the measure to Government and whether the Government had acted on it. The ryots are really suffering on account of the want of irrigation facilities.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I have already answered that the whole question of irrigation and the question of increasing the production of foodstuffs were engaging the attention of the subcommittee on Agriculture and Irrigation. The Committee have submitted certain proposals to the Government and the whole problem will be dealt with on a comprehensive basis.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know what the total production of rice in the State for 1119, was? Has it increased?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Roughly about 2,30,000 tons. Owing to failure of the monsoon the increase is not any way substantial.

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MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Is this 25,000 tons the average increase which the Department expects by intensive cultivation or is it the increase over the average of the previous years?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Certainly not. It is the actual increase in 1119 over the production of the previous year?

PRESIDENT : The question is "what is the increase in the annual production of rice in the State in 1119?" The answer is "25,000 tons" Now what is your trouble?

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : My trouble is this. Is this production of 25,000 tons the increase over the actual production of 1118 or is it the increase over the figures fixed as the average for the previous years?

PRESIDENT : I see. You are putting a long question.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : This is the actual increase over the figures of 1118. On account of the measures that I indicated, we have produced roughly about 25,000 tons over and above what was produced in 1118.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : May I know whether the Department is selling manure at higher costs?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The cost has been reduced and brought to the market level and action will be taken against those merchants who profiteer in this business.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : May I know whether any fee is levied for obtaining licences.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : No. Sir.

Slaughter of Cattle.

120. * MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the name of the officer or officers empowered to give permits for the slaughter of cattle in the municipal and non-municipal areas of Parur taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Mr. T. K. George (Veterinary Inspector.)

Veterinary Hospitals in the State.

121. * MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Veterinary Hospitals in the State ;

(*b*) the rank of Muvattupuzha taluk in the number of cattle ;

(*c*) whether the Government have received petitions requesting for a Veterinary hospital in Muvattupuzha taluk; and

(*d*) what decision has been made by the Government on these petitions?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) 17.

(*b*) Muvattupuzha takes the first rank.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration. In the meantime an Itinerant Veterinary Inspector has been posted to Muvattupuzha to take necessary steps to control the out-breaks of contagious diseases among cattle.

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